

BOOK REVIEWS

stituted for the series of pink plates, the work would have gained in value.

Save for these inadequacies, the general spirit and principle of this book is excellent ; and we admire especially the final chapter entitled " Marriage," where the author bids the sufferer from " sexual complaints " to consult his doctor before entertaining the hope of marriage ; and warns the sufferer from the " venereal complaints " how careful he must be to make assurance doubly sure in relation to his cure.

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THE COMMON DISEASES OF THE SKIN. By R. Cranston Low, M.D., F.R.C.P. Published by Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh.

THIS book is designed for the teaching of students, and is compiled from lectures given for that purpose. It in every way fulfils its function—being very clear and definite in the instruction it imparts. It is also, therefore, of use to the general practitioner, who is a busy man and wishes to know the concise, considered opinion of modern dermatologists. It is not, however, sufficiently discursive for the past graduate interested in dermatology particularly. The illustrations are excellent, many of them are taken from moulages, and faithfully reproduce the clinical conditions. It is a pity, however, that the author has not included a chapter on dermatological syphilis. In his preface he says he has left this subject to the specialist in venereal diseases, but as syphilis comes so much into dermatology it is a pity that he has not given us the benefit of his experiences.

The arrangement of the diseases is a little bit unusual. The first few sections are arranged according to their etiology, the later ones according to their physical characteristics. The text is in every way clear and dogmatic, which is essential in teaching unqualified students. In future editions perhaps the index might be a little more elaborate.

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